

Remarks

I. Status of the Claims

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claim 1 is pending in the application, with claim 1 being the sole independent claim. Claims 2-54 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

II. Amendments to the Specification

Applicants have added a paragraph captioned "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" to specify that the present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/792,299, filed January 31, 1997, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/013,149, filed March 12, 1996. The amendment therefore introduces no new matter.

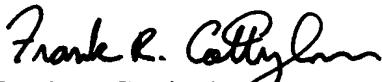
The paragraph beginning on page 11, line 26 has been amended to accommodate the drawings for Figs. 4A and 4B. This change does not introduce any new matter.

III. Conclusion

It is believed that the present application is now in condition for immediate examination. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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